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SEVEN MEXICAN CITIES DESTROYED BY THE QUAKE

Details of the Disaster are Lacking but Meager Reports From the Stricken Region Indicate Very Heavy Losses.

Refugees Who Have Been Driven From Their Homes are Camped in the Fields and Suffering is Intense—Details of the Loss of Life are Unobtainable But Many are Believed to Have Perished.

Mexico City, April 17.—Late reports from all over Mexico tell of the increase of damages from the recent earthquakes. At least seven cities were destroyed. Much suffering followed the quake as people have fled from ruined cities and are living in the fields almost without food. No details as to the loss of life are yet obtainable, but the loss is believed to be heavy.

City of Mexico, April 17.—Heavy earthquake shocks continued on the west coast until 4 o'clock Tuesday morning. Late news from the area of greatest destruction in the recent earthquake shows that the devastation wrought was greater than at first supposed. Besides the destruction of the cities of Chilpancingo and Chilpancingo, it is now reported that the city of Tixtla, between the two cities above named, and containing about the same population as Chilpancingo, was also leveled to the ground, and messengers from the coast, who have reached Chilpancingo, say that the towns of Ayutla and Omotepac have been wiped off the map.

Ayutla is about 50 miles south of Chilpancingo, in the state of Guerrero and some 20 miles west of the Port of Acapulco. It is one of the most historic towns in the republic, for it was here that "the plan of Ayutla" was conceived, which caused the revolution which finally made Mexico a real republic and developed the talents of a young officer named Porfirio Diaz, destined later to be one of the greatest men in his country. The population of Ayutla is small, and it is thought that the loss of life at this place will be insignificant.

Omotepac is further south near the boundary line of the states of Guerrero and Oaxaca. It is a town of about 4000 inhabitants and it is feared that the loss of life here may be heavier than at Ayutla.

Tlaxpa, a town 80 miles west of Chilpancingo and near the border line of the state of Oaxaca, is also reported to have been wiped out. The report from Chilpancingo says that the whole of the west coast from Acapulco south to Talina Cruz, the Pacific terminal of the Tehuantepec National Railway, Mexico's new transcontinental road, which was opened with elaborate ceremonies last January by President Diaz, has been badly damaged.

Owing to the remoteness of these points, and to the fact that wire and

telecommunication is very poor, news from the stricken district to this capital comes very slowly. But one wire is working to Chilpancingo and that rather spasmodically.

The telegraph office is accepting messages to this point only on the condition that they will be sent subject to delay. Thousands of messages are now on hand at the main office of the Federal Telegraph, and it is said that commercial business is 48 hours behind time.

Through the courtesy of the officers of the Federal Telegraph company, the Associated Press was given the wire yesterday at noon while it was working through to Chilpancingo. The question as to the number of casualties was put to the operator but he declared that up to the time he knew nothing beyond the fact that he had seen about a dozen dead bodies and knew of some 30 wounded.

A dispatch to El Pais, a daily paper, which is the organ of the Catholic church in this city, from the bishop of Chalapa, confirms the report of the total destruction wrought in that immediate neighborhood. Fourteen people are reported to have been killed in one house, and the number of wounded is given as 39. In the city of Tixtla it is reported that 12 dead bodies have been taken from the ruins and that twice that number of wounded are being cared for in temporary structures erected in the open country. The operator at Chilpancingo says that the four men in the office have been working without relief for 48 hours, exposed to the inclemency of the weather. He reports that the state government has provided tents for the homeless people and that the governor has taken every means to provide for the comfort of the inhabitants.

Up to 4 o'clock Tuesday the shocks continued with more or less severity in the vicinity of Chilpancingo, completing the work of destruction and destroying many of the most important public buildings of the city.

The new municipal palace, which was erected in place of its predecessor which was leveled by an earthquake four years ago, was almost destroyed by these last shocks. The hospitals, schools and the jail are in ruins. The prisoners from the jail were placed underground by the rurales, and are now incarcerated in a barracks building which is yet standing. The sick were removed from the hospital in safety, and are now being cared for

in a temporary structure erected out in the open country.

Up to this time the total number of deaths reported is 38 and the wounded 93, but in view of later reports, which tend to greatly magnify the extent of the catastrophe, it is thought these figures will fall far short of the real number of fatalities. These, it is feared, will never be accurately known, as many of the dead are of the poorer classes, living in small settlements.

It is reported that Acapulco is partly submerged from the great waves which dashed over the breakwaters. Although no breath of wind was stirring on the night of the first shock, when the earth began to tremble, the sea was lashed into a fury, and as the shocks continued, the harbor took on the appearance of a typhoon-swept ocean. Just how much of the port has been submerged is not known. A message from there says that the houses as far as the church are under water, but as there are numerous churches in the place, the extent of the inundation could not be learned from this vague message. A number of the ships were in the harbor when the first shock came, but these put out to sea, and it is said none of them suffered to any extent.

Communication by rail to the port of Vera Cruz is entirely cut off, owing to a sinking of a large area of track on both the Mexican and Inter-Oceanic railroads.

Reports from nearly all of the large cities in the southern part of the republic have been received, and although many of these places felt the shock severely, no loss of life has been reported, and the property loss is insignificant.

In this city the telephone service, which was partly crippled, is now in complete working order. News is yet anxiously awaited from the isthmus of Tehuantepec, where it is feared the shock may have wrought much damage.

According to the latest available information from various points in Southern Mexico, which are as yet meager, the death list as a result of the recent earthquake will aggregate 38 persons, and the list of injured persons will total 93, although when complete reports are received it is expected that both the list of dead and wounded will be greatly augmented.

Chilpancingo, with incomplete reports, shows 12 persons dead and 30 wounded.

Chilapa reports 14 dead and 39 wounded.

Owing to the remoteness of many small towns in the affected region, it will be some days before complete reports of the disaster can be received.

ASKS DAMAGE FOR BREACH OF PROMISE

Akron, O., April 17.—Miss Eva D. Lambright, of Toledo, has sued John H. Cook, a prominent Cuyahoga Falls merchant, for \$10,000 for breach of promise.

TRIAL IS POSTPONED

Chief Witness in Columbus Bribery Cases Mysteriously Missing.

Columbus, O., April 17.—Nelson Cannon, chief witness in the Columbus bribery scandal, was still missing this morning and the trial of Henry Lane was indefinitely postponed at the request of the prosecutor. Similar action will be taken in the other bribery indictments since without Cannon's testimony a verdict is impossible. Sensational rumors are afloat regarding Nelson's disappearance and its cause.

BEFORE CRUCIFIX

Young Cleveland Girl Kneels and Drinks Carbolio Acid.

Cleveland, April 17.—Kneeling before a crucifix in her room, Jennie Wisniewski, aged 15, arranged from her parents and expelled from her home, and despondent over a quarrel with her fiancé, drank four ounces of carbolio acid early yesterday and is now in St. Alexis' hospital hovering between life and death.

The girl some months ago fell in love with Alex Sigmorowski and later told her parents she intended to get married. Her parents objected, and after a quarrel she left home. She was working on her trousseau when she quarreled with her lover and the wedding was postponed. A reconciliation followed and Sunday night the girl attended a dance with Sigmorowski, but again they quarreled. Monday the girl bought the poison, and at three o'clock, kneeling before a crucifix and with her prayer-book open to the supplications for the dying, lying at her side, she drank the poison and was found by the woman with whom she boarded.

Physicians were called and had her sent to the hospital, but there are but slight chances of her recovery.

MARSE HENRY ABROAD.



ANDEAN VOLCANOE AGAIN BECOME ACTIVE

Southern Chili is Visited by a Disaster as Terrifying as the Earthquake Which Visited Valparaiso Last Year.

Hot Lava Starts Forest Fires Which are Raging, Driving the Inhabitants Before Them—Earthquake Shocks Accompany the Volcanic Eruption—Subterranean Rumbles, an Inky Blackness and Great Electrical Displays are Also Accompaniments.

Valparaiso, Chili April 17.—Meagre advices received today indicate that southern Chili is in the throes of a volcanic horror almost as terrifying as the earthquake disaster of last year. Gigantic forest fires have been started by the hot lava and hundreds of persons are fleeing from the flames. Earthquake shocks have accompanied the eruption. Ashes, boiling water and molten lava have been emitted from Andean volcanoes and subterranean rumblings, inky blackness and electrical displays of terrifying force have accompanied the eruption. It is believed many have perished.

EVELYN REFUSES TO TALK TO HER MOTHER

Fight for the Release of Harry Thaw on Bail Will be Begun at Once.—Habeas Corpus Proceedings to be Instituted by O'Riley.

New York, April 17.—With the return of Jerome from Lakewood, N.J., it is expected the first steps will be taken looking to securing Harry Thaw's release on bail. Attorney Dan O'Riley has announced that he expects a conference with Jerome regarding bail, immediately. If Jerome refuses O'Riley will make application and fight the matter out before Judge Fitzgerald. Evelyn Thaw today refused to comment on the statement issued by her mother, Mrs. Holman. Thaw today is in good spirits and has reconciled himself to the idea of spending another summer in the Tombs.

CORPSE HANGING AT COLLEGE ENTRANCE

Hiram, O., April 17.—Expulsions are likely to follow the discovery of a corpse, used by Hiram college students for dissection purposes, hanging at the entrance to the college building. Buildings were decorated with crepe and funeral notices were posted over town.

NEW COAL FIELD IS DISCOVERED BY GEOLOGIST

Wheeling, W. Va., April 17.—James White, the West Virginia state geologist, has completed a test which shows that all of the panhandle counties of West Virginia along the Ohio river and the counties of Belmont and Jefferson in Eastern Ohio, are underlain with a vein of coaling coal equal to the famous Pennsylvania field. A company composed of Wheeling, Pittsburgh and Cleveland capitalists, has formed to develop the vein.

BIG LINER IS NOW THREE DAYS OVERDUE

Philadelphia, Pa., April 17.—The liner, Noordland which is still unreported at the Maritime exchange is three days overdue. The vessel carries eighty cabin passengers and 850 steerage. It is thought that the recent heavy gales have retarded the progress of the vessel.

HOCKING VALLEYS WRECK TRAIN IS WRECKED

Columbus, O., April 17.—The big derrick car of the Hocking Valley wreck train jumped the track on a curve today. Five men were injured, one seriously.

ALLEGED CHICAGO AFFAIRS WARRANT INTERFERENCE

Chicago, April 17.—Republicans threaten to show that under democratic control, disreputable women and criminals were paid to blackmail police and politicians and that municipal conditions are such as to warrant state interference. The police claim that they were assessed for campaign funds under Mayor Dunne. Chief Shipley says he paid \$100. Democrats deny the charges.

PLANTED THE MONEY

Hold-up Man is Captured But the \$25,000 He Took is Still Missing.

St. Paul, Minn., April 17.—John Gunderson, a discharged employee of the Northern Express company who is accused by Clerk Zimmerman of stealing \$25,000 from the company's safe at the Union Depot last night by forcing Zimmerman at the point of a pistol to open the safe, has been arrested but the money has not been recovered. The police say the money has been "planted."

AIR-SHIPS AT JAMESTOWN

Ohio Man Proposes to Carry Passengers to and From the War Vessels.

Norfolk, Va., April 17.—Charles Strobel, of Toledo, has signed a contract to bring three air-ships to the Jamestown exposition. They will fly between the grounds and warships and carry passengers. Charles Hamilton and Eugene Godet, of Ohio, will fly the air-ships.

REGISTERED PACKAGE STOLEN FROM MAILED

New York, April 17.—A registered package containing \$10,000 forwarded by the Atlantic bank of Wilmington, North Carolina to the chemical bank in this city was abstracted from the register letter bag, during its journey.

REFUSE TO INTERFERE

Grand Jury in Senator Borah Case Will be Permitted to Proceed With its Work.

Washington, April 17.—Neither the president nor attorney general seems disposed to interfere with the proceedings of the grand jury at Boise, which has been finding indictments against Senator Borah of Idaho, in connection with the land case. A protest was received from the senator, charging that the indictments are the result of a conspiracy. District Attorney Ruick who is now on his way to Washington will be able to enlighten the department of justice on the subject.

Ruick will also have a conference with the attorney general relative to the prosecution of Moyer, Haywood and Pettison, who are charged with complicity in the murder of Governor Stuenkel. Senator Borah is prosecuting the defendants.

NEGRO IS LYNCHED

Second Attempt to String up the Assailant Proved Successful.

Eola, La., April 17.—The sequel of the shooting of five men and two negroes at Bunkie, La., last Sunday, was the lynching of the negro, Charlie Strauss, near here yesterday. A party of masked men took him away from the deputies who had arrested him, and it is said that the deputies offered no resistance. The negro was taken into the woods about 1 and hanged to a tree, after which many shots were fired into his body. He made no statement about the attempted assault with which he was charged. The coroner took charge of the body at daylight.

This was the second attempt in two days to lynch Strauss, the first one, on Sunday night, having resulted in the serious wounding of five white men. Strauss had been taken from the Bunkie jail and escaped during almost total darkness while his captors were shooting at random. It was alleged that negroes fired in to the lynching party.